

EXHIBIT 8

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

4 BLACK LOVE RESISTS IN THE RUST, et al.,
5 individually and on behalf of a class of
all others similarly situated,

6 Plaintiffs,

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8 CITY OF BUFFALO, N.Y., et al.,

9 Defendants.

11 ORAL EXAMINATION OF CHARLES SKIPPER
12 APPEARING REMOTELY FROM
13 ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK

16 Friday, March 5, 2021

17 10:05 a.m. - 2:02 p.m.

18 pursuant to notice

21 REPORTED BY:

22 Carrie A. Fisher, Notary Public

APPEARING REMOTELY FROM ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK

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CHARLES SKIPPER - BY MR. CHARNEY - 03/05/21

1 A. No.

2 Q. Okay.

3 A. No one would approach me with that.

4 Q. Okay. And did you discuss it with your fellow
5 officers or no?

6 A. No. Myself and Officer Walters did do tint
7 tickets but through our career at Strike Force
8 it wasn't our main priority.

9 Q. Got it, okay.

10 So the other information from the TraCS
11 data that we reviewed for your ticketing
12 activity between 2013 and 2017 was the
13 breakdown in terms of the driver race of the
14 people that you ticketed and what we found was
15 that you -- actually between 2013 and 2017 you
16 issued about ten times as many tickets to
17 drivers of color as you did to white drivers
18 and I guess I was wondering if you had a sense
19 of why that was.

20 MR. QUINN: Object to the form. You can
21 answer.

22 A. No. Could have been the area. When I am
23 using the license plate reader, nine times out

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1 of ten I don't see the driver, I am just
2 watching the cameras to read a plate, so
3 whoever I pull over is a mystery until I get
4 to the car.

5 Q. Okay. And was it -- so is it your testimony
6 that when you were in Strike Force, the only
7 time you would pull over a car is in response
8 to what the license plate reader brought up?

9 A. No, sir.

10 MR. QUINN: Object to form.

11 A. That was a major contributor of who I stopped
12 but I also stopped for seat belts, you know,
13 speeding or what have you.

14 Q. Okay. So there is the issue of decision to
15 stop, right, but then once you stop a vehicle
16 and you approach it, you do get to see what
17 the race of the driver is, right?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Okay. And you testified earlier that when it
20 came to how many tickets you were going to
21 write for the violations that you observed,
22 that was at your discretion, correct?

23 A. Correct. And what the status of the driver in

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